

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated hereafter. It is believed that the following amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification starting on p. 5; paragraph 5, as follows (where underlining “_” denotes additions and double brackets “[[]]” or strikethrough “-” denotes deletions):

“Figs. 3A-3[[M]]_ illustrate windows and other screen displays that may appear to or be used by a user of a graphic user interface (GUI) of an exemplary NMS in connection with fault management features or functions.”

Please amend the specification starting on p. 19; paragraph 2, as follows (where underlining “_” denotes additions and double brackets “[[]]” or strikethrough “-” denotes deletions):

“In addition, the drill-down feature of the exemplary NMD may be used to view details regarding an alert. To view the details of an alert, the user opens the NetExpert Client Manager window 234 such as illustrated in Fig. 3I. This window 234 includes several options including an option for “Alert Display” 236. By selecting the Alert Display option 236, the Alert Summary window 238 appears as illustrated in Fig. 3J. This window 238 supplies information on the alert. The Alert Summary window 238 provides further options for additional details such as the “Alert Window” option 240. Selection of the Alert Window option brings about a drop-down menu including an option for “New Window”. If the New Window option is selected, then the Alert Display window 242 appears as illustrated in Fig. 3K. The Alert Display window 242 lists entries of alerts. For further information about an alert, it may be selected from this window 242 and the Alert

Management option 244 on window 242 is selected. A drop-down menu appears that it includes an option of On-Line Advisor, which, if it is selected, results in the display of an On-Line Adviser window 246, as illustrated in Fig. 3[M]L. The On-Line Window Advisor supplies details on the selected alert.”